

CLAIMS

1. Package (1) formed by suction moulding of a fibrous material for receiving one or more frangible products to be packed, such as eggs, comprising:
 - 5 - a bottom part (2) comprising non-planar side surfaces so as to match at least partially the outer contours of the product(s) to be packed, an upper rim portion (6) of the bottom part (2) extending outwards from the bottom part (2);
 - a cover part (3) comprising at least a top surface (16) and a front surface (4) which meet at an angle to form an edge (17, 18);
 - 10 - the bottom part (2) being connected to the cover part (3) by a hinge (5) so as to allow the cover part (3) to move between an open position and a closed position;
 - the front surface (4) extending down from the edge (17, 18) and overlapping the non-planar side surface of the bottom part (2) opposite the hinge (5) when the cover part (3) is in its closed position;
- 15 characterised in that said cover part (3) is provided with at least one inwardly extending protrusion (7) for locking engagement with said upper rim portion (6) of the bottom part (2) when the package (1) is being closed, and that said hinge (5) is positioned above the level of the upper rim portion (6) of the bottom part (2).
- 20 2. Package according to claim 1, characterised in that said agricultural products are eggs and that the bottom part (2) of the package (1) is provided with a pattern of pockets (12) for accommodating the eggs.
- 25 3. Package according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the package (1) is a moulded product.
4. Package according to claim 3, characterised in that the package (1) is moulded as one piece.
- 30 5. Package according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the package (1) is made of moulded pulp.
- 35 6. Package according to claim 1, characterised in that said cover part (3) on the front side (4) hereof is provided with an edge portion (19) and that said one or more protrusions (7) is/are provided substantially adjacent said edge portion (19).

7. Package according to claim 2, characterised in that said locking engagement of the one or more protrusions (7) with said upper rim portion (6) of the bottom part (2) takes place at the flange-like upper rim portions (6') between adjacent pockets (12).

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8. Package according to claim 1, characterised in that the package is furthermore provided with retainment means comprising one or more openings (10) in the front side (4) of the cover part (3) and co-operating retainment projections (11) on the side surface (24) of the bottom part (2) opposite the hinge (5).

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9. Package according to claim 1 or 8, characterised in that the flange-like upper rim portion (6) of the bottom part (2) is furthermore provided with outwardly extending retainment flaps (25).

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10. Package according to claim 9, characterised in that said flaps (25) are placed for engagement with the engagement surface (8) of the protrusions (7) on the cover part (3).

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11. Package according to claim 9 when dependent on claim 9, characterised in that said flaps (15) are placed for engagement with an edge portion (23) of said openings (10) provided in the cover part (3).

12. Package (1) formed by suction moulding of a fibrous material for receiving one or more frangible products to be packed, such as eggs, comprising:

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- a bottom part (2) comprising non-planar side surfaces so as to match at least partially the outer contours of the product(s) to be packed and provided with an upper rim portion (6);
- a cover part (3) comprising at least a top surface (16) and a front surface (4) which meet at an angle to form an edge (17, 18);

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- the bottom part (2) being connected to the cover part (3) by a hinge (5) so as to allow the cover part (3) to move between an open position and a closed position;
- the front surface (4) extending down from the edge (17, 18) and overlapping the non-planar side surface of the bottom part (2) opposite the hinge (5) when the cover part (3) is in its closed position;

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characterised in that

said bottom part (2) adjacent said upper rim portion (6) is provided with at least one outwardly extending protrusion for locking engagement with co-operating means provided on the cover part (3) and that said hinge (5) is positioned above the level of the upper rim portion (6) of the bottom part (2).

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13. Package according to claim 12, characterised in that said co-operating means on the cover part (3) is one or more openings in the front surface (4) of the cover part (3).